

The Federation of Gedney Hill CoE and Shepeau Stow Primary Schools



Our vision is to foster a community of lifelong learners who are confident, resilient, and equipped with the necessary skills to thrive in an ever-changing world. We believe in the importance of inclusivity, respect, and mutual understanding, ensuring that our whole community feel a sense of belonging.

Respect—Responsibility—Service—Wisdom—Perseverance

SHEPEAU STOW PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 18th September – Weekly Catch up

Dear Parents & Carers,

Thank you for all of your continued support as the children settle into the new school year. The children are arriving on time and always looking smart and ready to learn. Every parent I have chatted to this week have been dedicated to ensuring that their children remain ready, safe and respectful. These remain our key behaviour messages in school.

Mrs J Beale

Celebrating Success!

It has been a delight to award certificates to our stars of the week. They are...

Puffins – Junior and Callie

Woodpeckers – Dexter and Arthur B

Eagles – Tallulah and William P



Dexter was so proud to bring his trophy into school that celebrated his fantastic behaviour whilst outside of school.

Waterbottles

A few parents have asked for clarification on the water bottle situation at school. Children who bring in a waterbottle can leave it in a designated space within their classroom and they will have access to them throughout the day if they would like a drink.

Happy Circus



South View (Crowland) have a circus visiting in October. If you think your family would enjoy an evening at the circus, tickets can be found via this QR code:



Wraparound Childcare

Our Early Birds and Night Owls wraparound care is open to all children. If you are looking for childcare, please book via Arbor, or for last minute bookings, please email enquiries@shepeaustow.lincs.sch.uk. Bookable hours can be of your choosing.

Early Birds – 8:00am-8:45am

Night Owls – 3:30pm-6pm

Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for an After School Assistant at Night Owls. The post will be for 10 hours per week from 3.30pm – 5.30pm with the occasional 6pm. We have crafts on Tuesday nights and cookery on Wednesdays. Please see the attachment for details of our vacancy.

Dyslexia Outreach Events – Save the Dates 2026–2027*1x attachment*

The Dyslexia Outreach Team are pleased to be offering a range of workshops throughout the academic year designed to support parents and professionals in developing their understanding of dyslexia and effective strategies to support children and young people.

The workshops include:

- Supporting Your Child at Home
- Working with Your Child's School
- Study Skills and Revision Strategies
- Primary to Secondary Transition

(Workshops marked with an asterisk (*) are delivered in partnership with the Lincolnshire Parent Carer Forum and can be booked through their website. Information about the remaining workshops will be shared nearer the time.)

Please help!

Do you have any of the following toys (in good condition) that your children have grown out of and you would be happy to donate to our school? If so please drop these into the school office FAO EYF Team. Thank you

- Dinosaurs
- Large Piece Jigsaws
- Pretend Food items (plastic or wooden) and Kitchen Utensils
- Dressing up outfits

Books for our Library

If you have any good quality reading books your child has finished with, we would be very grateful for them. Please can we ask you don't send in phonics specific books as we follow a very prescribed scheme so it would be unlikely we would use them.

Term dates next year and beyond.

These are all on our website and the local authority website. Term time holidays will not be authorised. It should be noted that these are now on an increasing scale. Requests for authorised absences must be made in advance. Please see the link to the school attendance policy for both schools on the federation tab. If your child is absent, please contact the school office or email the enquiries email address. If we don't hear from you, we may deem it necessary to undertake a 'safe and well check'.

MESSAGE FROM THE PTFA



Thank you to everyone who attended our first committee meeting on Monday, it was wonderful to see some new faces.

Unfortunately, we still do not have a committee representative from Gedney Hill School. As mentioned previously, if no one from Gedney Hill is able to join the committee, we will need to dissolve the current Federation PTFA and move forward as separate organisations.

If you would be willing to step forward as a committee member and help represent Gedney Hill School, please email us at info@ghssptfa.co.uk.

Class fundraising information and Christmas Card templates have now been sent home in book bags. Please ensure these are completed and returned by **Wednesday 30th September**, so we have plenty of time to send them off.

Some dates for your diary-

Thursday 22nd October- Annual General Meeting (AGM) 4PM at Shepeau Stow

Friday 13th November- Whole Federation Silent Disco- 6pm at Gedney Hill

Friday 27th November- Crazy Hair Day (in return for a donation to our Christmas Raffle)

Monday 30th November- PTFA Committee Meeting- 6pm at Shepeau Stow

Diary Dates

Dates	Activity	Further information
13.10.26	2pm Harvest Festival	
20.10.26	Parent Consultations	
22.10.26	PTFA Annual General Meeting	4pm - Shepeau Stow
5.11.26	Flu Vaccinations	
WC 9.11.26	Assessment week	
10.11.26	School Photographer	Individual and Sibling photographs
13.11.26	Children in Need Dress Down Day	
16.11.26	Odd Socks Day for Antibullying week	
27.11.26	Crazy Hair Day	In return for a donation to the PTFA Christmas raffle
30.11.26	PTFA Committee Meeting	6pm - Shepeau Stow
3.12.26	Flu Immunisation mop up session	
9.12.26	Nativity at Shepeau Stow (Puffins Class only)	2pm & 5pm
16.12.26	Christmas Party at Shepeau Stow	
2.3.27	Class Photographs	

Warm Regards

Jenny Beale (Head of School)

Shepeau Stow Primary School